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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer given by the Hon. Minister, will be kindly tell us what steps will be taken to make the school more craft-centred so as to switch on the students to some craft after the school course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Now there are three or four crafts taught in the school and I think with that they are able to find employment.

Pension to teachers

* 129 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to give fixed rates of pension to teachers instead of calculating at 30/120 of the last three years' average salary; and

(b) If so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that there is a proposal to give a flat rate of pension to B.T.'s unlike the other teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of any such proposal. It should be a proposal of somebody else who should be thinking about it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : There is a rule that this quarter pension will not be applicable to B.T.'s. May I know the reason why the Government brought in such a disparity?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, we have taken into account the Provident Fund and other benefits which the private aided school teachers enjoy more than those employed by the Government. Making an allowance for that, we have made the calculation. That is why we have said on what basis the B.T.'s should get their pension.

Foreign service to the teaching personnel

* 130 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any members of the teaching personnel of (i) the Presidency College, Madras, and (ii) the Government Arts College, Madras, applied for Foreign Service during the years 1957–58 and 1958–59; and

(b) if so, whether they have been permitted to take up these posts and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) One member of the teaching staff of the Presidency College, Madras, applied for a post in the University of Madras during 1957–58. His application